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40 DUI Arrests Made During the Month of April

The Beaverton Police Department is participating in a yearlong National Traffic Safety Campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers.

The Beaverton Police Department has officers out on focused patrols for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and educate the motoring public about the dangers of driving impaired. During the month of May, officers will continue their efforts to take impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets. These High Visibly Enforcement (HVE) details are paid for by grant funds. So far this year Beaverton Police Officers have taken 146 impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please think about this before you operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol or using any other substance that impairs your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

We want to debunk the myth that you can drink a little and then get behind the wheel. You can't. Remember that *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.* " Cinco de Mayo can be a fun and festive time for those who choose to celebrate the right way: with a plan for a sober ride. If you make your plans when you're sober, you won't make a bad decision when you're drunk.

Across the United States, drunk driving is a serious epidemic. On average in 2013, someone was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 52 minutes. On Cinco de Mayo, that equaled 115 lives lost in drunk-driving crashes. The family members and friends of those people killed likely wish they could go back to May 4, 2013, and say or do something to prevent the drunk-driving crash that took their loved one. So before your first margarita, cold beer, or shot of tequila this Cinco de Mayo, make sure you have a designated sober driver. Decide today that you won't ever drive after drinking. And if you know someone who is about to drive drunk, step in and help. Take their keys and help them make arrangements to get home.

The Beaverton Police Department takes impaired driving seriously and these grant funds allow us to have dedicated officers out looking for those impaired drivers.

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